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In re:	Patent Application of Ekkehardt SCHAFER	: Group Art Unit: 1761
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Appln. No.:	09/749,013	: Examiner: Drew Becker
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 21, 2003 (Paper No. 5) in the above-identified patent application.

Claims 1-18 are presently pending in the application.

The Examiner has issued a restriction requirement between the invention of Group I (claims 1-14), drawn to a packaging wrap, allegedly classified in class 426, subclass 106, and the invention of Group II (claims 15-18), drawn to a process for making a wrap, allegedly classified in class 53, subclass 396. The Examiner argues that the inventions are related as process of making and product made, and that the packaging wrap could be made by another materially different process, such as without selecting a fibrous foil with an area weight of 15-100 g/m². This requirement is respectfully but strenuously traversed.

Traversal of Requirement

It is submitted that the Examiner's proposed process is not a materially different process. First, the Examiner does not say what that process is, i.e., if it is without a fibrous foil with an area weight of 15-100 g/m², what is it? Second, claim 1 requires a maximum area

weight of about 120 g/m². Therefore, the selected fibrous foil must have at least a somewhat lower area weight to allow for the anti-adhesive coating. All of the other elements are the same in both claims 1 and 15.

Provisional Election

In the event the Examiner maintains the restriction requirement, applicant provisionally elects Group I (claims 1-14), with traverse, for initial examination. An early examination on the merits and allowance of all the claims in the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to the Information Disclosure Statement filed April 29, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

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